

circumstances with a neutral meeting ground, the "Peace Rug", to which a degree of respect is accorded, and where specific rules of conduct apply. All concerned join in a face-to-face relationship, preferably sitting on, or in proximity to, the rug and engage in a scripted conversation during which each participant exercises, and thereby develops, the ability to voice his or her concern and desires with respect to a perceived offense perpetuated by another participant. A mutually agreeable plan is then developed.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 11 as follows:

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- 1 11. (Amended) A method for enabling a conflict resolution process to be
 - 2 conducted by two or more parties in mutual conflict who have positioned themselves
 - 3 in proximity to a conflict resolution area, said two or more parties having been pre-
 - 4 instructed as to a script and a set of instructions to be followed in connection with said
 - 5 script, the method comprising:
 - 6 speaking by one of the two or more parties to another of the two or more
 - 7 parties a set of statements according to the script and the set of instructions; and
 - 8 repeating said speaking by each remaining party of the two or more parties
 - 9 until all parties present have spoken while remaining in proximity to the conflict
 - 10 resolution area to encourage respectful and safe behavior;
 - 11 wherein said conflict resolution area is a specific, predetermined location that
 - 12 has been identified by the two or more parties as a conflict resolution area.

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 7, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendments made in response thereto. Reconsideration of the grounds of